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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 141203

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PBOR, PN

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DECLARATION OF PANAMA

REF: PANAMA 3825

1. AFTER CONSIDERATION OF REACTIONS TO IDEA OF A  
DECLARATION OF PANAMA, WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT PRACTICAL  
PROBLEMS OF NEGOTIATING AN AGREED TEXT AND RISKS OF  
CONTROVERSY OR FAILURE DISCLOSED BY PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES  
FAR OUTWEIGH ADVANTAGES.

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2. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF SOME COUNTRIES  
PUT FORWARD SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THAT PROVE UNACCEPTABLE TO  
OTHERS, THE CONTENTS OF THE DECLARATION COULD BECOME A  
PUBLIC ISSUE WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE  
OF RATIFICATION CEREMONIES. THE IDEAS SUGGESTED BY OTHER  
COUNTRIES, AS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL, ILLUSTRATE THE PROB-  
LEMS WE WOULD BE FACING IF WE ATTEMPTED TO WORK OUT A

DECLARATION IN THE TIME AVAILABLE.

3. WE HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO PROCEED WITH DECLARATION. PLEASE THANK GONZALEZ-REVILLA FOR HIS EFFORTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN MOST VALUABLE TO US IN REACHING DECISION. IF HE SHOULD FIND THAT INTEREST ON THE PART OF

OTHERS PERSISTS, WE SUGGEST IT BE POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH UPCOMING OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL PROVIDE EARLY OCCASION FOR DISCUSSION OF ANY PROJECTS OF REGIONAL INTEREST THEY MAY HAVE IN MIND. -

FOR AMB. VAKY. IF PRESIDENT PEREZ SHOWS ANY INCLINATION TO PRESENT A DRAFT DECLARATION OF HIS OWN, WE SUGGEST YOU INFORM HIM OF OUR DECISION, IN CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED REFTTEL, AND REQUEST HIM TO RECONSIDER. CHRISTOPHER

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